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LOMATOGONIUM ROTATUM **FELWORT**

Felwort is a glabrous annual with usually unbranched stems that are 5-15 cm high. The opposite leaves are narrowly oblong to lance-shaped and 1-3 cm long. White or bluish flowers are borne on slender, 1-3 cm long stalks that arise from the axils of the upper leaves. The 5 spreading, lance-shaped petals are 6-15 mm long and are united at the base and subtended by slightly longer, narrow, green sepals. Each petal has 2 small, fringed appendages at the base, and there are 5 stamens. The fruit is a many-seeded, egg-shaped capsule that is as long as the petals. Flowering in August.

SWERTIA PERENNIS has similar flowers but is a perennial. Annual gentians have tubular rather than star-shaped corollas.